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April 29, 2002

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Business Telecom, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*  
Docket No. ~~01-01099~~ 02-00504

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Business Telecom, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and thirteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated February 21, 2000. The Amendment revises the USOC for the non-recurring charge for the 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

GMH/jej

Enclosure

cc: Anthony M. Copeland, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Business Telecom, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Business Telecom, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. ~~01-01099~~ 02-00504

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**  
**NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**AND BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.**  
**PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement dated February 21, 2000 (the "Amendments") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, BTI and BellSouth state the following:

1. BTI and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to BTI. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on August 15, 2000.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement. The Amendment revises the USOC for the non-recurring charge for the 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BTI and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The

Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit these Amendments to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and BTI within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. BTI and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

BTI and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

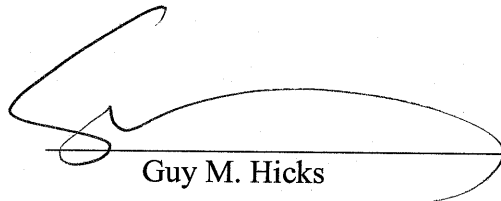
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail:

Anthony M. Copeland  
Executive Vice President  
and General Counsel  
Business Telecom, Inc.  
4300 Six Forks Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609



Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the  
Interconnection Agreement between  
Business Telecom, Inc. and  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Dated February 21, 2000**

Pursuant to this Amendment ("Amendment"), Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI"), collectively "BTI", a North Carolina corporation, as it is certificated in each state and identified in Appendix A hereto, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and BTI dated February 21, 2000 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, BTI and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to amend the October 20, 2000 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement to revise the USOC for the non-recurring charge (NRC) for the 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – 1<sup>st</sup> and Add'l from USACC to USAC1 as reflected below:

| DESCRIPTION   | USOC  | AL  | FL      | GA       | KY  | LA  | MS  | NC      | SC  | TN     |
|---|-------|-----|---------|----------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|--------|
| <b>Combination Rates</b>                                  |       |     |         |          |     |     |     |         |     |        |
| NRC – 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – 1st  | USAC1 | TBD | \$14.62 | \$166.08 | TBD | TBD | TBD | \$13.26 | TBD | \$8.76 |
| NRC – 2-Wire Vice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – Add'l | USAC1 | TBD | \$3.73  | \$140.01 | TBD | TBD | TBD | \$8.39  | TBD | \$5.75 |

2. All other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement dated February 21, 2000 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect until the expiration date.
3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate regulatory agencies for approval subject to section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By: Greg Follensbee

Name: Greg Follensbee

Title: Senior Director

Date: 3/18/02

**Business Telecom, Inc.**

By: Anthony M. Copeland

Name: Anthony M. Copeland

Title: Executive Vice President/General Counsel

Date: March 14, 2001

**SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.'S ("BTI") CERTIFICATED NAMES**

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI, Inc.") [AL]

Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI [FL]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") [GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") [resale - TN]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI Telecommunications, Inc. 'BTI'") [facilities - TN]